

October 29, 2001  
6:00 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 29, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor Bohannon and Commissioners Lentz and John McClain.

Absent: Commissioners Groshong and Dave McClain

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2001 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2631 (Payroll) in the amount of \$25,904.47 and #2632 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$14,507.86. Seconded by Commissioner Tim Lentz. All aye.

#### **Jordan Sanner—Eagle Scout Project Report (Cemetery Informational Center)**

Jordan appeared to request that he be allowed to build the structure that would house the information for the cemetery and that another Scout be allowed to compile the information and place it in the information center. The reason for this request is that the number of hours to do both would far exceed the requirements for the Eagle Scout Project. Jordan had bids for the materials to complete the structure and they are as follows: Compton's Hardware--\$276.28; Hilltop Lumber--\$306.16; and Lowe's--\$246.59. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to allow the Scout project to be divided and to purchase the material from Compton's Hardware. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

#### **Opening of Street on E. 4<sup>th</sup> and Closing of Street on Horton Heights**

In order to open E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street back up a tube would need to be purchased and rock put on the street as well as on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E. The Commission requested that the City Administrator itemizes the expenses and brings the information back to the next meeting.

The City Attorney was contacted about the liability of the City if they allowed Tom Stirton to place a cable across the street on Horton Heights. He advised that it should be a gate instead of a cable for safety reasons. Commissioner Lentz reported that he thought Mr. Stirton had cut a ditch on his property and that possibly that took care of the problem.

#### **Bids for Electric Plant Generator**

Motion by Mayor Bohannon that the opening of the bids be extended to November 15, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. and to authorize the engineer and the City Clerk to publicly open the bids and the engineer be allowed to evaluate the bids and present them at the November 19, 2001 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

#### **Applications for Traffic Control Materials**

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the application for traffic control materials in the school zones. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

#### **Grant Applications—Restrooms/Concession Buildings for Soccer and Baseball Fields**

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to authorize the City Administrator to apply to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and to the U.S. Soccer Foundation for grants to build restroom/concession buildings on the soccer field and the baseball field. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. Aye—Commissioner Lentz and Commissioner John McClain. Abstain—Mayor Bohannan. The cost to the City would be \$5,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind for each grant.

**Constructing Metal Building for Street Department**

Bids were received for the construction of the building that was purchased earlier in the year. The bids were as follows:

Footings and concrete floor for 100' x 50' building

Bottorff construction (concrete)	\$30,600
Erect building	\$26,366
John Hewitt (concrete)	\$28,854
Erect building	no quote

Footings without concrete floor

Bottorff Construction (footings)	\$23,390
Erect building	\$26,366
John Hewitt (footings)	\$13,854
Erect building	no quote

Bill Kinchlow (erect building only)	\$11,400
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Commissioner John McClain requested that the matter be tabled to the next meeting so that all of the commissioners could be present.

**Bucket Truck**

Bids on a bucket and truck for the electric department and the amounts for lease purchase were presented as follows:

Altec Bucket	
Altec Industries	\$36,519.00

F550 Truck	
Altec Industries	\$32,608.00
Stan Boos	\$31,530.00
Foster Ford-Mercury	\$32,185.00

Lease/Purchase (\$70,000)

	Samount per month	Total—84 months
Kansas State Bank	\$1,000.00	\$84,000.00
United Bank of Kansas	\$1,017.62	\$85,480.00
First Bankers Corp.	\$1,017.73	\$85,489.32
Altec Capital Services	\$1,056.89	\$88,778.76
First Government Lease Co.	\$1,402.08	\$117,774.72

It was decided to table to the next meeting.

## **City Administrator's Agenda**

Mr. Evans reported that a citizen approached him to see if the City is interested in selling some lots located at 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W. and 9<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W. Brown County has listed the appraised value at \$1,000 and \$500.00 respectively. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to sell the lots at the appraised value. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

The wells will be pumped on October 30, 2001 and samples taken.

During repair of the sewer line at 1600 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. there were several cave-ins so the workers had to abandon the project. When funds are available for sewer improvements some of the deeper lines will need have a lining installed.

The seasonal help were laid off on October 26, 2001.

The pump in the north well is alright but it is not producing enough. Bob Vincent and the City Administrator will look at the options available to remedy the situation.

## **Commissioner's Agenda**

### **Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz reported that Jim Stuart is getting with other employees to get the necessary materials together for the Frisbee Golf Course.

Susan Hundley, Chairman of the Park Board, was present to express their concern about the way some issues are handled. The Park Board would like topics and requests that pertain to parks to be referred to them first instead of the Commission. The Soccer Association had previously requested some assistance from the City on adding an additional field. The Commission approved the assistance contingent upon approval of the Park Board. The members of the Park Board were then called for their opinion and they felt the Soccer Association should have come to them first.

### **Commissioner John McClain**

Commissioner McClain expressed concern about the vulnerability of the City's water supply in light of the recent terroristic threats to the United States. It was decided that a cover needed to be placed over the open basins at the water plant and that the well heads and the clearwell need to be secured. The City Administrator will check on the costs and report back to the Commission.

Mayor Bohannon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor